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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN EQUIPMENT FOR NEW
SEISMIC RESEARCH VESSEL

REF: IZMIR 397, PRIVATE TRADE OPPORTUNITY P0005 (NOTAL)
1. IN VIEW OF SENSITIVE NATURE OF TURKISH SEISMIC EXPLORATION
IN AEGEAN, POST CALLS ATTENTION TO TRADE OPPORTUNITY REPORTED
IN IZMIR 397 AND PROVIDES FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO.
2. CONSULATE GENERAL WAS RECENTLY APPROACHED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AEGEAN UNIVERSITY MARINE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT
(SECTION OF ENGINEERING FACULTY) FOR ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING

PAGE 2 RUFLAEA6145 C O N F I D E N T I A L
SEISMIC RESEARCH EQUIPMENT FROM U.S. FIRM. US TRAINED ALI
SAYMAN ASSERTED UNIVERSITY WROTE TO SEVERAL US FIRMS BUT
RECEIVED NO ANSWER. APPROACHES RECEIVED FROM EUROPEAN FIRMS
BUT AS NOTED REFTEL UNIVERSITY PREFERS AMERICAN EQUIPMENT.
3. PROJECT UNDER OVERALL DIRECTION OF PROF. DR. EROL DIZDAR,
DEAN OF THE ENGINEERING FACULTY, BUT SAYMAN HAS RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROJECT.
4. ACCORDING SAYMAN, SHIP IS CURRENTLY BEING BUILT IN IZMIR
AND WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN MTA SISMİK I,
TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCH VESSEL OPERATED BY GOT'S MINERALS
RESEARCH INSTITUTE. PROPOSED AREA OF OPERATIONS DESCRIBED BY
SAYMAN AS "DEEP WATERS OF THE AEGEAN". EXPECTED COMPLETION
DATE OF SHIP IS LATE 1977, INSTALLATION OF EQUIPEMNT MOVES
EXPECTED OPERATIONS DATE INTO AT LEAST MID-1978.

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